(b) whether the employees of ICWA are covered under Minimum Wages Act;

(c) whether Government are aware of suspension and dismissals of the employees without any concrete reasons and without any legal procedure; and

(d) whether Government have recently received the representation of the lady staff at the ICWA Library regarding misbehaviour and haraassment by the Officers of the Council, if so, what action Government have taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) The question of a grant is to be considered in the context of various measures presently under Government's consideration for revitalising functioning of the ICWA.

(b) to (d) Matters relating to the welfare and status of employees are to be handled by the management of the ICWA, which is an autonomous body. Complaints about conditions of service and behaviour towards employees have been received. Government hopes that the present management of the Council will take appropriate steps in this matter.

Deportation of Memon Brothers to India

274. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI :

SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have demanded repatriation of Memon brothers from Pakistan through diplomatic channels;

(b) if so, what has been the response of that Government; and

(c) whether it is a fact that some other culprits involved in the Bombay blasts have fled to Gulf countries and if so, the details of the steps taken for their repatriation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) The Government have informed Pakistan of the Memon family's involvement in the bom blasts in Bombay as well as about th details of their travels between India an Pakistan through Dubai. We hav sought the cooperation of the Pakista Government in locating these persons an sending them back to India for questio ing.

(b) The reaction of the Pakistani auth ities to the information given to them far indicates that Pakistan will take possible measures to ensure against exp ure of their involvement in the expl *sions which were organised in Bombay.*

(c) The Government had informed t Governments of UAE and Saudi Arab about the likely presence of some of t members of the Memon family and h requested for assistance in apprehend and deporting them to India. The Go ernment of UAE had also been reques o apprehend and deport Dawood Ibrah a well known criminal who was suspec o be in Dubai.

Loan from World Bank to revive deep fishing industry

275. SHRI MENTAY PADAMN BHAM : Will the Minister of FO PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be plea to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Governn sought a loan from the World Bank to vive the deep-sea fishing industry;

(b) if so, what are the details;

(c) whether Government propose offer a new package to rehabilitate the ready sick deep-sea fishing industry;

(d) if so, the details therof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESS INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGO (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. World Bank requested to fund the Demonstration C mercial Fishing for diversification of

of the present fishing fleet. The diversification of part of this fleet is crucial to the revival of the deep sea fishing industry. The World Bank has now communicated that deep sea fishing is not one of the priorities of their Agriculture Division's pipeline. They have, however stated that the subject is interesting and important and they would share with the Government any information on possible assistance if it becomes available.

(c) and (b) package for rehabilitation of sick deep sea fishing units was announced by Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India Ltd., Bombay in April, 1991 which was revised in June, 1992. No new package has been offered in addition to the above package.

276. [Transferred to the 4th May, 1993].

Production of mango pulp in A.P.

277. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a vast potential for production of mango pulp in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to exploit the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are 175 licensed units under the Fruit Products Order out of which 115 units are capable of processing mangoes for the production of mango pulp. Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing a number of developmental plan schemes under which assistance is provided for the setting up/upgradation of food processing units which includes units for production of mango pulp. An assistance of Rs. 104 lacs has been provided to Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation for the setting up of two fruits & vegetable processing projects in Andhra Pradesh which among other items envisages production of mango pulp.

Deep sea fishing trawlers operating in East Coast

278. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of deep sea fishing trawlers operating in east-coast;

(b) the number of them chartered and how many others are owned by Indian firm;

(c) how many applications are still Pending for new ventures and since how long they are pending; and

(d) they are at what stage of consideration now ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) 199 deep sea fishing trawlers have been permitted for operation in Indian Exclusive Economic Zone. The number of trawlers operating in East Coast varies from time to time as they move out from East Coast to West Coast depending on the availability of fish.

(b) There are six chartered foreign fishing vessels operating as on 13-04-93, 192 trawlers owned by Indian companies and one vessel under Test Fishing.

(c) and (d) 8 applications for deep sea fishing received from November' 92 onwards, are pending. These applications are in process at interministerial level.

Minimising fruit processing costs

279. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that low utilisation of processing machinery increases fruits processing costs in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that a combination of items to be processed through the same plant could minimise costs and maximise days of operation;